

La. Official Called Perjurer



Dean Andrews Jr., indicted in probe, at court yesterday.

New Orleans, March 16 (Special)—Dean A. Andrews Jr., an assistant district attorney in suburban Jefferson Parish (County), was indicted for perjury here tonight in connection with the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The indictment was handed up to Criminal Judge Thomas M. Brahney Jr. by the Orleans Parish grand jury that is conducting a probe into the asserted plot. The grand jury probe parallels the court hearing going on here to determine whether retired New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw is to be brought to trial for complicity in the alleged conspiracy.

Andrews, who was suspended from his Jefferson Parish post today, was a puzzling figure in the Warren Commission investigation into the assassination.

Andrews testified to a Warren Commission lawyer that one "Clay Bertrand" had contacted him after the assassination and

asked him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald.

Perry Russo, Baton Rouge insurance salesman, has testified before the court hearing on Shaw that he knew Shaw as Clem Bertrand.

Andrews was subpoenaed by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who initiated both the grand jury probe and the court hearing. Also subpoenaed by Garrison was Gordon Novel, 29, a local bar owner who is reportedly a friend of Andrews.

Novel said before entering the jury room that Garrison wanted to question him about Sergio Aracha Smith, a former anti-Castro Cuban exile leader who moved from New Orleans to Dallas in 1962.